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Board Meeting/Réunion du Conseil d'Administration Brussels Thursday 14th April 2011 / Jeudi 14 avril 2011

J-79, 2/02: 12.30 -14.30

MINUTES

Present: De Lorenzo Antonino, Henriques de Granada Marc, Lebel Serge, Mangold Lecocq Isabelle, O'Donoghue Aingeal, Salmon Joëlle, Schulze Erika, Sindelar Martina, Streul Carola, Wischermann Ralph.

Absent (excused): Beltrame Francesca, De Waard Wouter, Nickels Horst, O'Byrne Aedín, Paulus, Monika, Plumhoff Holger, Sabatini Roberto, Sergio Giovanni.

Absent: Cenini Antonio, Popa Adela Raluca.

Ms Schulze chaired the Board meeting at 12.45 pm.

Point 1 - Adoption of the agenda.

The following points were added:

Point 7 Somerfesto.

Point 8 Renewal of the contract with the auditors.

Point 9 School timetable, 2011-2012 school year.

The agenda is adopted as amended.

Point 2 - Adoption of Minutes of 24 March.

The minutes dated 24th March, were adopted with the remark on point 4 (page2).

The discussion focussed on the APEEE membership fee and the feasibility of using direct debit for this payment. A significant number of parents have not paid the APEEE membership

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contribution. Reminders should be sent out (to be check with Maryse). Those who have not paid should be excluded from the APEEE services.

Point 3 becomes point 5.

Point 3 - Board of Governors

With reference to the action day against budgetary costs, Ms Schulze informed the board that there was the participation of many parents as well as students, UE staff and parents' associations but the organization was not optimal.

A delegation composed by Mr Choraine, Ms Chraye, Ms Schulze was received by the Board of Governors and delivered the petition signed by the APEEs (Bxl I, II, III, IV and Mol) to the President of the Board of Governors. At the same time Ms Gorey, President of Interparents, was received with another delegation by the Commissioner, Mr Sefcovic.

Ms Schulze underlined the importance of a follow-up, a letter should be written by whom? to the Budgetary Committee of the Parliament.

Point 4 - Discussion on how to proceed after the budget cuts and the now obvious limits of the kitchen:

Ms Schulze informed the Board that the letter sent to Mr. Moricca was a spontaneous reaction to the budgetary cuts and to the overcrowding foreseen for the school year 2011-2012.

At 1.05 pm Ms O'Donoghue entered. The discussion focused on how to handle canteen problems related to the lack of appropriate infrastructures.

Ms Streul stated that the canteen service could not cook for more than 750 children, the kitchen is small and there is a lack of storage capacity. Consequently, the APEEE, she added, should consider the possibility of renting a mobile kitchen.

Enrolment cancellations were registered for this third school term, due to the dishwasher's failure and the price increase.

Ms Salmon suggested changing the rules for enrolment next year:

- 1°) To avoid cancellation and unforeseen deficit, the enrolment should be automatically for one school year and only special cases (allergy, departure, etc...) could be used as a reason to cancel.
- 2°) Due to the limited number of places available, a new subscription should be requested for each child, no automatic enrolment. The enrolment should start when new parents have received the confirmation of places for their children in our school (end of May?). In that way, all children would be in the same situation.

Point 5 - Report of treasurer on the financial situation of the APEEE.



At 1.45 Mr De Granada entered and distributed two documents:

- 1) a table including the APEEE budget approved at the General Assembly (26/01/2011), the accounting situation on April 7th 2011 and the economic forecast for August 31st 2011.
- 2) a page of explanations related to this table.

All figures were described carefully for every service. According to his analysis, costs and receipts are in line with the budget approved at the GA but the financial result remains a deficit as foreseen.

The APEEE of Brussels IV has to face the deficit problem but also the non-renewal of the transport subsidy for the next years and the repayment of the loan obtained from the other APEEEs.

At 1.40 Mr Lebel left and a couple of minutes later Ms Schulze and Mr Wischermann left.

The treasurer pointed out that the only way of reducing the deficit was to increase prices. One suggestion could be to ask for a new deadline to the other APEEs to start repayment.

He will answer the different questions of the board members by e-mail.

Questions:

- Do we have something foreseen in the budget for the staff training?
- What has already been consumed (coaching training for the website Red-Cross training)?
- Do we have the possibility to offer training to Pablo this year? (Management, 3 modules 1,400€/module)

Point 6 – CA meetings and Staff issues.

The last two "bureau" meetings were postponed so Ms Salmon proposed to have all bureau meetings as Board meetings. This proposal was agreed to by the board members.

Next Board meetings will take place at the following dates:

- 5th May
- 26th May
- 16th June
- 23rd June

At 2.10 pm Manuela left the Board to discuss staff issues in "camera".